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Driving through potholes in stagnant water is injurious to your vehicles' health — use these tips

File photo of vehicles moving on a flooded Outer Ring Road

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Bengaluru has been witnessing rainfall again since Thursday night. With many roads being pothole-ridden and waterlogged, car drivers need to be careful of 'hydroplaning', which could happen on ring roads and flyovers where drivers tend to speed up. In simpler terms, hydroplaning means skidding on roads. If a car is being driven at a speed of above 50 kmph in the rain, through stagnated water, there is every chance that the driver may briefly feel like they have lost control of the wheel.

"If you see stagnant water, you must have a firm grip on your steering wheel, remove your feet from the accelerator, slowly apply brakes and manoeuvre the car with full control," says S Sivaramakrishnan, Director (Parts and Services for Advaith Hyundai group). He said with bad road conditions, most complaints were related to suspension and tire issues.

"Assuming that 40% of cars on city roads are small, and due to frequent driving on potholed roads (assuming the depth is half a feet), there will be a direct impact on the tyres, rim, and suspension. If the cars are old, the weakened suspension may add to the owner's worry. Suspension is a system that includes shock absorbers/struts, lower arm, and tie rods. Either one of them or all of them may be affected," he added.

Most complaints are related to tyre wear and tear, scratches, and wheel arches, apart from suspension, said M Naveen Kumar, Chief People's officer, Bimal Auto Agency India private limited. Experts also said that they are receiving many cars which are submerged.

"The submerging of cars is classified as follows. We categorise it as 'A' when the water level is up to the door, 'B' if the water level is up to the music system, and 'C' if the car is fully submerged. These days, we are getting a lot of cars which are fully submerged. We are advising people not to start the car once the water level recedes and instead consult car service stations first," he said.

B Radhakrishna Gowda, Director (Parts and services), Advaith Hyundai group, said, "Usually, Original Equipment Manufacturers recommend wheel balancing and alignment for every 10,000 km driven. However, with bad road conditions, we are seeing the need to balance every 5,000 km. There is a need to be prepared for rain. Drivers need to check tyre pressure frequently, working condition of wiper blades, and a full general check-up, including all lights. The reason for poor functioning of wiper blades is because most of them would have parked their cars out in the open. The rubber is continuously exposed to the sun and gets hardened. The hardened rubber doesn't wipe properly during rains."

Sivaramakrishan said that most of the car users must keep windows shut while driving in the rain. This causes fog formation inside the car. "You need to set your car AC function in such a way that the temperature setting knob is exactly at the centre or more towards the hot air, depending on the intensity of rain and temperature outside (indicating that it is neither blowing hot or cold air). Blowers should be adjusted in a way that they are blowing air towards the leg and windshield. Air circulation should be in external fresh air mode. If these things are followed, fog formation inside the car can be avoided and drivers can have a clear view of the windshield," he explained.

How craters affect parts of a car

Tyres and wheels
When tyres hit a pothole, they can get pierced. This can cause sidewall bulges, tread separation, and a flat tire due to loss of air.

Exhaust
The undercarriage is one of the parts that can be severely damaged when you run over a pothole as it is closer to the ground. It holds your exhaust system.

Suspensions
Suddenly hitting a pothole can cause damage to shock ups and struts, brake ball joints, and misalignment of wheels.

Chassis
Sorts cars or models with low ground clearance running on bad roads can be detrimental to the chassis of the vehicle.

Engine Block
Engine block contains the cylinders and other major components under your vehicle. Hitting this could lead to a drop in vehicle performance, oil leaks, or excess smoke from your exhaust.

Tyre rim
If you hit a pothole, there is a chance that you may damage your tyre rims. Most rims are made of aluminium.

Steering rack
If the steering feels loose, shakes, or makes unpleasant noises, there is a high chance of steering rack damage. Steering rack damage could also lead to power oil leaks from the O-rings and boots

Radiator
Hitting a pothole could cause damage to the radiator, causing tiny holes or cracks, leading to coolant fluid leaks. Your brake pads can wear out and you risk damaging the brake rotors.

Sensor
Hitting potholes filled with water can affect some sensors in your vehicle. If you experience loss of acceleration, fuel mileage, or noises from your engine, chances are, your sensors are damaged.

> **We are advising all not to start the car once the water level recedes and instead consult car service stations first**

BBMP seeks World Bank help to tackle flood

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to seek support from the World Bank for taking up various projects aimed at mitigating urban floods in the future.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "The WB is focussing on problems arising out of climate change across the globe. Currently, the WB team is visiting Bengaluru. We are in discussions on how to take the partnership further and it may be in the form of providing loans and various projects."

According to him, Karnataka's Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma has highlighted to the WB team how we are facing both droughts as well as urban floods. "We need to see how we can seek financial assistance from WB. For this, we need to identify the projects first. As of now, we have taken the WB team to inspect the Koramangala valley. The biggest challenge is to stop the flow of sewage to Koramangala valley. We have been successful in fixing the issue till Bellandur but beyond that it is a challenge. So, we are planning to discuss with BWSSB on taking up diversion of sewage especially in the village limits. Based on the WB report, we will submit a plan to WB via State and Central governments."

Bengaluru's first water way project at Koramangala has been designed on the lines of Sabarmati water way (Gujarat) at a cost of Rs 175 crore. The big challenge for BBMP was to plug the sewage flow into this. BBMP claims that the either sides of the Rajakaluve will be remodelled on a European styled pathway. According to BBMP, the works will include providing and remodelling of existing retaining walls at critical locations to facilitate the waterway project.

According to a Guide to Climate Change Adaptation in Cities, a report by the World Bank, "Cities face significant impacts from climate change, both now and into the future. These impacts have potentially serious consequences for human health, livelihoods, and assets, especially for the urban poor, informal settlements, and other vulnerable groups. Climate change impacts range from an increase in extreme weather events and flooding to hotter temperatures and public health concerns..."

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1 dies in city as roof collapses

A migrant worker hailing from Bihar died on the spot as a ceiling under which he was sleeping collapsed due to heavy rainfall at Mahadevapura on Monday. Many areas in the city received heavy rainfall.

Yelahanka received the maximum of 7.1 cm, followed by Attur 6.7 cm, Jakkur 4 cm, Kodigehalli 3.8 cm, Rajmahal 3.7 cm and Sampangirama Nagar and Doddenakkundi received 3 cm.

Weather experts said that many parts of north Bengaluru received heavy rainfall on Monday morning as the wind direction was steering from south east. The steering traditionally benefits north and north west Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, a bulletin from India Meteorological Department said that southwest monsoon was active over interior Karnataka. As a result, the maximum rainfall in the State was received at Pavagada (Tumakuru dt) 10 cm, followed by Davanagere 9 cm, Tavaragera (Koppal dt) 8 cm, Badami (Bagalkot dt), Yelahanka IAF, Ksndmc Campus (both Bengaluru Urban dt) and Y N Hoskote (Tumakuru dt) 7 cm each.

Bengaluru may continue to receive moderate to heavy rains associated with thunderstorms and lightning and the maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 27 and 20 degree Celsius respectively.

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Major demolition drive cleared encroachments on Banaswadi Lake in 2015 — now, BM has found illegal constructions at same spot

LAKE BEDFELLOWS

BDA layout, park, temples, fire station found on waterbody in 2015

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The revenue department carried out a massive demolition drive to clear encroachments at Banaswadi Lake area in May, 2015.

Back then, revenue officials, accompanied by the police, succeeded in razing many illegal buildings and temporary structures that had come up in the Banaswadi Lake area. They even found the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority itself was illegal.

They also declared a BDA park, a few temples and a fire station in the area as illegal structures built on encroached lake land.

According to revenue records, 236 people, including 154 individuals who bought sites from the BDA, encroached on the Banaswadi Lake area.

Now, after a gap of seven years, a few structures have come up again at the same spot without any hurdles. On Tuesday, when this correspondent visited the spot on 80 Feet Road, the construction of a few commercial shops was in progress. John, who claimed to be in-charge of the shops, said he began the work on the shops after availing permission from the 'leader' of the area.

John had already installed electric pipes and made provision for

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A board put up on Banaswadi Lake bed by Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner; Shops constructed by D Rangappa on 2nd Cross Road, 1st Block, HRBR Layout; Shops under construction on 80 Feet Road, Banaswadi

"Only 10% of the lake land was encroached before the demolition drive; now 40% is encroached — R Ramesh, Brashtachara Nirmoolana Mathhu Bhoo Rakshana Samiti

Wafted Away

Hennur Road residents suffocating due to unbearable stench from Mitaganahalli garbage management unit

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Every night after dinner, Rehman R*, a resident of Shriram Luxor along Hennur Road, has to follow an old routine.

Doors are bolted, windows are closed and curtains are drawn. Why you may ask? Rehman lives on the 10th floor of an apartment complex, that's now engulfed in a blanket of putrid air, from the Mitaganahalli garbage management unit at Kannur.

"We were in the same situation two months ago. However, the residents then reached out to the area MLA with the complaint; there was no odour for some time after that. However, now the stench is back to haunt us again," said Rehman.

BM had earlier reported about the unbearable stench that hundreds of residents living in the area were suffering from, thanks to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's Miteganahalli garbage unit.

After a series of complaints from the residents, the local MLA tweeted that the stench was emanating from the lake adjacent to the Mitaganahalli garbage management unit at Kannur and that it will be cleaned soon.

"Two months ago, we were hit by a fetid smell if we left our doors or windows opened even for a moment. After the issue was raised by the residents, it appeared that the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 A slice of Kashmir

Zaina by CtoK brings you the 2nd edition of its flagship event Kashmiriyat - a celebration of the crafts and craftspeople of Kashmir contemporised but with its unique 600-year-old traditions and skills. On display will be a series of products celebrating contemporary Kashmir and showcasing the possibilities of design in the home and lifestyle space such as lighting, home furnishings, carpets, bags, accessories that have a wide urban appeal across crafts ranging from embroideries, pashmina, walnut wood, Namda, Kashmiri carpets, papier mache to copper.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: Oct 13 – 15, 10.30 am – 7.30 pm
Contact: 09810603139

02 All-inclusive world

Access for All, The Bangalore International Centre, The Ganesh Shivaswamy Foundation and the Indian Music Experience Museum is coming together to talk about the Art of (Inclusive) Living. On the occasion of World Sight Day, the talk is about how we can take visual art to those of visual special needs -- what is being done and what needs to be done as a society to achieve inclusive living - on divergent fronts: visual, auditory, etc. Speakers are Siddhant Shah and Preema John.
Where: Online When: Oct 13, 5 pm;
Register: ganeshshivaswamy.com

03 Tattoo festival

Indiranagar SOCIAL is hosting Puncturewala Tattoo Festival in collaboration with Homework Studio and the Indian homegrown tattoo community. Inspired by the badass roadside tattoo stalls going strong in our country for decades, the Puncturewala Tattoo Festival gems from the idea of tattooing without standalone studios bringing you artists from around the country putting their flashes up for grabs!
Where: Indiranagar Social
When: Oct 15 -16, 12 pm – 7 pm

There's a circus in town

Rambo Circus is back after a hiatus with a medley of performances and stunts that will leave you entertained

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The stunts are gravity-defying and a visual treat for everyone; (inset) Pinky Khan's acrobatics on a cycle are no mean feat, and it took her many hours of practice to perfect the moves

If old school entertainment is your cup of tea, Rambo Circus is back, with a variety of tricks and performances for all age groups.

"Yes, we are back with innovative methods to entertain people in Bengaluru. We reached many people online during the lockdown. We never knew that we could reach so many people of so many countries. The lockdown made us come back with innovative methods," said Sujit Dilip of Rambo Circus.

Currently, Rambo Circus has three shows near Kengeri Bus Terminal on Mysore Road, at 1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm. Around 60 artistes will be entertaining the crowd. With the ban on using animals in circuses, the staff of Rambo Circus will not be using any animals, except a few pet dogs, to entertain people. However, they say that the performances will be no less mind-boggling.

From a flying trapeze to a candle contortion, viewers can expect a variety of performances.

Candle contortion specifically is a treat to watch where a woman handles and holds many candles by twisting her body. Another visual spectacle is rolla bolla performed by a male artiste.

From flying trapeze to candle contortion, viewers can expect a wide variety of performances

There are many programmes during the show to entertain people for three hours. Each show has the programmes such as duo roller skates, sword balance, hand balance, aerial hoop, group acrobatics, juggling, ladder balance, hula hoop, German wheel, sword swallow, acrobatics skip, group aerials, rope dance, lasso, globe of death, wheel of death, bicycle, unicycle, German wheel, clown, and parade.

Pinky Khan's performance on a cycle is another jaw-dropping feat. "I practice for two hours every day. I got basic training in cycling in Kolkata," said Pinky Khan, who is married to Naresh Yadav, one of the artistes, and has two children.

A specialist in globe motorcycle riding, Ismail Khan, said that initially, it was very tough for him. "I also got training in Kolkata," said Khan.

Elaborating on welfare programmes for the artistes, Dilip added arrangements are made at the circus venue to avoid any inconvenience to the artistes. "We helped them to have PAN cards, Aadhaar cards and opening bank accounts. We are also trying to help them avail government welfare schemes."

He said that he has already instructed the manager to allow children from orphanages to watch the circus free of cost. "It will be good if sponsors come forward to bear the cost (ticket price) for orphan children. If no sponsors are available, entry will be free for orphan children," he said.

It's an eco-friendly cracker Deepawali!

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With less than a fortnight to Deepawali, people are opting for eco-friendly crackers that can be planted as well.

A plantable cracker or bomb is very different than the conventional harmful firecrackers as they can be sowed into the soil.

Roshan Ray, the owner of a Bengaluru-based-startup, Seed Paper India, that makes such crackers, told Bangalore Mirror that many people, especially youngsters, are choosing these crackers. These firecrackers come with a range of options like plantable rockets that come with marigold seeds, Laxmi bombs that grow into a tomato plant, Chakras with chia seeds, plantable crackers with basil seeds, etc. These crackers are made out of recycled paper and plant seeds.

"I did not expect that so many people will choose to buy these. But so far, many college students have come forward to buy these plantable bombs, and are also gifting them to their friends and family," he said.

Green crackers can be planted and are a great way to help the environment

Unlike conventional firecrackers, these crackers can be bought online or can be sent through courier to your friends as well.

"Since there is no gunpowder or harmful chemical used in the process of making these crackers, it is safe for shipping and we do not even need any license to sell these to the public," Ray added.

These eco-friendly crackers come without risk of suffering injuries.

"I want to change the narrative that Deepawali is all about loud noise and explosions. We have started a hashtag: #dontburstgrow," Ray further added.

"I visited Sivakasi which manufactures 90 per cent of the firecrackers. I explained the process but they were not interested because the conventional way of making firecrackers with gunpowder and chemicals is much more profitable for them," he said.

Kavya Singh, a student who recently bought these crackers for Deepawali said, "I was never into bursting crackers as a child also but this is a great way of celebrating the festival. It will also be like a project for the family members to take care of the plant even when the festival is over."

Students want ban on vehicles on BU campus

Protests continue for day 2 after student was run over as she tried to board BMTC bus

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Protests continue at Jnanabharathi campus on Tuesday; A newly installed speedbreaker; Around 200 policemen were deployed

The flash protest that broke out at Bangalore University's Jnanabharathi campus after a postgraduate student was grievously injured after a BMTC bus ran over her, continued unabated on Tuesday.

The protestors are demanding a complete ban on the movement of public vehicles inside the campus alongside other traffic curbs to be put in place. The 22-year-old M.Sc first-year student Shilpashree was reportedly trying to board the bus when she was run over. The victim has sustained several injuries and is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Nagarabhavi.

"We have been protesting since 10:30 am, demanding justice for Shilpa. Students do not even have safety on their own campus and hostel grounds. We want a separate road to be provided for the residents living near campus or other public vehicles and for the campus to be made free of any such vehicles," said Lokesh Ram, Vice-President of the BU Postgraduate and Research Scholars Union.

The students said that there have been multiple accidents on campus in the past few months owing to the negligence of the authorities. The protestors said that they have complained about the absence of speed bumps on campus multiple times which hampers the safety of students. Soon after the accident, authorities had put up a speed breaker near the spot of the accident. But students are not convinced.

"This is not the first time. We have been demanding this ban on vehicles inside the campus for 12 years. Now, new speed bumps have been made but still haven't been painted with the white paint which makes them difficult to be spotted from a distance," Lokesh added.

The students alleged that there have been nearly 30 accidents in the past few months only.

A meeting will be held with the concerned authorities including Traffic Police DCP (West Division), BMTC, BBMP, student union, and teachers' union in presence of the Vice Chancellor Jayakar Shetty to discuss the safety of the students on campus, the protestors informed. A letter will be issued to the Chief Minister regarding the issue as well.

The students are also demanding monetary relief for the victim Shilpashree. "We want the university, BMTC, and the state government to come forward and take responsibility for the accident. They should provide complete financial support for her hospitalisation treatment as well as monetary relief for the victim's family," a student said.

> **"We want a separate road to be given for the residents near campus and the campus must be made free of such vehicles**

The protest started on Monday morning when the students blocked all the entry gates on the campus following the accident and continued for the second consecutive day.

"We will be looking into the issue and will discuss what steps are needed to be taken along with the other stakeholders," Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West), told Bangalore Mirror.

Bangalore Mirror tried to reach out to BMTC, but officials remained unavailable for a comment on the ongoing situation.

Bail to Divya Jyoti Vidya Kendra members

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It seems government land meant for public amenities is not immune to encroachment or misuse. The land meant for a park was allegedly misused for constructing a school building at Nelamangala by a private trust.

A complaint was filed with Karnataka Land Prohibition Special Court in 2019 by activists KHR Reddy and G V Bhovi against 14 people, including L Krishnamurthy, former chairman of Divya Jyothi Vidya Kendra, for constructing a school building on the land reserved for a park. Krishnamurthy assumed office of State Information Commissioner on October 28, 2014 and his term ended on October 26, 2019.

The Karnataka Land Prohibition Special Court had issued summons to all the respondents recently. Nelamangala Police Inspector produced the respondents in the court. Later, the respondents were given bail by the Karnataka Land Prohibition Special Court after availing personal bond of Rs 50,000 from each of them.

According to the documents with Bangalore Mirror, five guntas of land used for constructing the building of Divya Jyothi Vidya Kendra was meant for a park. Krishnamurthy told BM that he has nothing to do with Divya Jyoti Vidya Kendra as he resigned as the chairman of that educational institution after assuming office of State Information Commissioner.

"I am of the opinion that a few people filed a petition in the court out of vengeance. I have no objection if the government takes back the land allotted to Divya Jyoti Vidya Kendra," said Krishnamurthy.

Army Day parade to be held in B'luru next year

The Army Day Parade next year will be held in Bengaluru as part of initiatives to hold major events outside the national capital region.

Army Day is held on January 15 every year to mark the taking over of first Indian officer as Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army on this day in 1949.

"The next Army Day parade will be held in Bengaluru on January 15, 2023. This would be the first time ever that the Army Day parade would be shifted outside the national capital," an Army official said. **ANI**

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Forsaken lake's cry for help

From trapped bird to algal bloom, locals are seeing it all at Uttarahalli Lake

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Morning walkers at Uttarahalli Lake spotted an Oriental darter on Saturday morning - beak trapped shut by a plastic fishing net, unable to feed. The Oriental darter is classified as a 'near threatened' species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

"I spotted the bird on my morning walk. It looked disoriented and confused. When I asked around, I was told that the bird has been in this state for over 24 hours.

We tried to rescue the bird, but it flew away by the time help could arrive. With its beak locked by the plastic net, there is no way the bird can feed," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist in the area.

According to locals, the water body has become increasingly hazardous to birds and other aquatic life due to a lack of maintenance. The lake has turned green in colour due to algal bloom.

A quick scan of the water quality report by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) confirms that the wetland is ailing. Between January and July this year, the board graded Uttarahalli Lake's water 'Class E' four times - fit only for irrigation and industrial cooling.

Walkers also allege that maintenance of the water body is practically non-existent.

"The monthly water quality report shows that the water is severely polluted. The lake's sewage treatment plant appears to be non-functional for a long time now. I checked with a BBMP official about the STP status, but have yet to receive any response. The lake is rarely cleaned, leading to the high nutrient concentration. While it is being used for fishing, the old fishing nets are not being cleaned," added Pachhapur.

An Oriental darter struggling with its beak, trapped by fishing nets at Uttarahalli Lake (above); Dore Kere Lake is in a bad state too

> **"The lake is rarely cleaned, leading to high nutrient concentration. Old fishing nets are not being cleaned**
> – Raghavendra Pachhapur, activist

However, the lake is not the only water body in the area that is in a sorry state. According to Raghunandan CR, a resident of Ramanjaneyanagar, another lake downstream of Uttarahalli is suffering from various maintenance issues too.

"The water of Dore Kere lake, which is a walk way from Uttarahalli Lake, has been stinking for over three years now.

Even this lake has turned green and filled up with garbage, plastic items, and sometimes even floating animal carcasses.

The sewage treatment plant at this lake is not functional either. We have raised the issue with the concerned BBMP officials multiple times in the past, but to no avail," said Raghunandan.

Unattended garbage dumps around the lake, unkempt walkways, and scruffy toilet facilities are some other issues that the locals complained about.

When Bangalore Mirror tried to reach out to the concerned BBMP officials, they were unavailable.

Drain work: 5 months and counting

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Kasavanahalli Main Road has already been in a bad state due to traffic congestion and footpath encroachments. What has made it worse is the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) starting drainage work that they have not finished for over five weeks. The drains have been lying open and pose several risks.

Residents of the area pointed out that the road falls under the comprehensive development plan and was initially taken up for widening, but land acquisition issues were not dealt with.

The BBMP recently decided to concretise the drains and dug them open all along the stretch a month ago.

The work was thereafter not taken up, and with rains gracing the city again, it is now leading to a foul smell in the vicinity.

All the mud and slush from the drains, including the footpath, was dug up and piled in a corner of the road. The place has not been cleaned up and is occupying a major portion of the road.

Vishnu Prasad, Member of Kasavanahalli Development Forum, said, "Kasavanahalli Main Road connects Sarjapur to Hosur Road. People who come from Electronic City use this road. BBMP wanted to re-do the drains and dug up the place, but it has been 5 weeks now. We don't see any work being carried out. For the past two days, water has been overflowing from the drains following the rains. It is going towards Owners Court Layout, creating a problem for the residents there."

Another resident said, "The worst thing done by BBMP is that they have spoiled the whole place in the name of improvement. The road has anyway not been in a good state, and now, by starting this work, it has reached a terrible state.

They should either fix the issue or not start any work to begin with if it cannot be completed properly. Residents have to suffer because of the low-quality, unfinished work."

Residents said that they have tried reaching out to the BBMP engineers, but did not get any helpful responses.

This is the state of Kasavanahalli Road ; BBMP has dug up stretches that have reportedly not been covered for weeks now

Meanwhile, Prasad pointed out that an official from the BBMP said the contractor is responsible for the shoddy job and action would be taken. Nothing has reportedly been done so far.

BBMP Executive Engineer, Jayshankar Reddy, told Bangalore Mirror, "The work of re-doing the drains had begun on Monday. Due to the festivals, the work had to be stopped. After the drain work is done, we will carry out asphalting of the road too."

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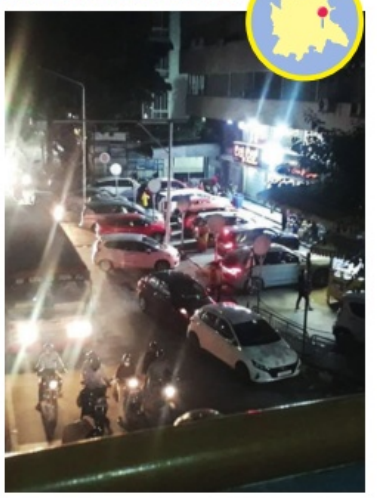
Clear these footpaths

Chamarajpet

Footpaths from Royan Circle in Chamarajpet to the overbridge near StTeresa's school are littered with uncleared debris.

Parking saturation

Shivananda Circle



After dark, the place in front of Richie Rich ice cream parlour near Shivananda Circle becomes over-parked with vehicles.

Lake overflow

Vishnuvardhan Road

A new drain is causing Sunkal Palya Lake to overflow into the populated area of Vishnuvardhan Road.

Commuters: Find us cheaper alternatives

Citizens recommend shared rides, prepaid auto counters, carpooling, and mini buses to be provided

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The transport department has declared three-wheeler under aggregator apps as illegal

With the ongoing issue between the state government and app-based auto aggregators in Bengaluru, disgruntled commuters are now asking for better and cheaper alternatives to overcharging auto rickshaws.

Many of them recommend focusing on shared autos, prepaid auto counters, and other carpool or ridesharing facilities in the city.

"In other metropolitan cities, there are many options for shared auto or cab rides. Especially at the major metro stations and tourist spots, commuters can split their cost by sharing an auto or a cab. But this is not so common in Bangalore," said Sujal Patil, a student.

Since the auto fare prices have skyrocketed in the city, commuters have an eye out for economical alternatives to local autos and app-based cab rides.

"It is especially a great option for college students or people who commute daily to work where there are a lot of common commuters as it splits the cost among three or four people that you would instead be paying alone," she added.

Other commuters stressed the importance of prepaid auto counters at metro stations and other popular destinations.

"Opening more prepaid counters in the city is the best alternative to app-based autos. Especially at all the bus stops, metro stations, malls, hospitals, and key places, there should be prepaid auto counters to help commuters," said VK Srivatsa, a resident.

"Also the law enforcement on drivers who refuse to go to their destination should be strengthened. All the auto drivers are not bad there are a handful of bad drivers to be identified and phased out to make last-mile connectivity using autos comfortable for commuters," he added

> **There should be prepaid auto counters to help commuters at bus stops, metro stations etc**
>
> –VS Srivatsa, a resident

Recently BMRCL has announced that it will soon be setting up prepaid auto counters at four metro stations-two at Nagasandra and one each at Byappanahalli.

"The only way to avoid the auto mafias in the city who refuse to go by meter and then ask for thrice the actual fare is to have prepaid auto services in place. These should be regulated by the transport department and not some private player or else it would just end up being like ola and uber services," said Manjesh K, a resident of Banashankari 6th stage.

The commuters also added on the need for minibuses connecting the metro stations to several residential areas.

"People will stop relying on autos when public transport is better. There should be enough minibuses that connect metro stations to the interior areas where buses also do not go. We are paying Rs. 100 for a distance less than 2 km because we do not have any other option," Manjesh added.

Karnataka transport department has labelled the services by Ola, Uber, and Rapido 'Illegal' under On-Demand Transportation Technology Act 2016, after reports of them overcharging than the government-fixed fares sprung up. The government has asked the companies to submit a report and also warned them of legal action if they fail to comply with the order.

Rs 5,000 fine per vehicle on violators

Road Transport and Safety department has decided to issue directions to aggregator platforms running auto rickshaws to stop operations. Companies violating the directions will be penalised Rs 5,000 per vehicle for the first offence from tomorrow. However, department officials clarified that a fine will not be imposed on the passenger or the auto drivers.

With the three-day ultimatum given to auto drivers lapsing today, the transport department has declared operating three-wheelers under aggregator platforms illegal. The fine will be calculated after taking data from the companies operating illegally.

The cyber division of the police department will also ask to place a ban on the auto-section in the apps.

The transport department officials met with representatives of aggregator platforms like Ola and Uber to discuss the fare pricing, which is currently above the rates set by the state government. They requested the department for permission to charge a base fare, five per cent GST and convenience fee for running the platforms. The decision for convenience fee and the request for modification of the aggregator rules will be placed before the government, and further decisions will be taken.

Transport road and safety commissioner, THM Kumar, said, "As per rules, three-wheelers cannot be permitted. Tomorrow onwards, running autos on aggregator platforms will be illegal. Request for modification of the proposal and proposed fare rates will be given to the state government and a decision will be taken,"

—Melvin Mathew

Job fair for UG students

BMS College of Commerce and Management in association with ICA Edu Skills Pvt Ltd organised a Mega Job Fair 2022 to bring together Human Resource professionals from a myriad of companies offering a plethora of job opportunities for the Undergraduate batch. This is one of the city's largest job fairs to have been organised by the college for all career-oriented students to get their dream jobs.

The Mega Job Fair 2022 commenced with the inauguration on October 10 at BMS College of Commerce and Management. Aviram Sharma the trustee of BMS Educational Trust and Chairman of BMSCCM, Dr. Pankaj Choudhary, principal of BMS College of Commerce and Management, Dr Preethi Stanley – Head of Corporate Communication Department of BMSCCM, Arindam Chatterjee – National Head of Placements ICA Edu Skills Pvt Ltd, Amita Parekh, Manager - Placements of South, East and West ICA Edu Skills Pvt Ltd were part of the inauguration ceremony.

Startup sector sees drop in Q3 funding

The funding in Indian startups nosedived a massive 80 per cent (year-on-year) in the third quarter (July-September period) this year, with the late-stage funding seeing the biggest fall, a report showed on Tuesday.

Indian startups raised $three billion in Q3, which was also 57 per cent lower as compared to the previous quarter (Q2) this year.

The average ticket size also witnessed a drop across all funding stages, with the late stage seeing the biggest fall of over 70 per cent, from $142 million in Q3 2021 to $42 million in Q3 2022. This indicated that investors are not willing to make large investments until economic conditions stabilise, reports market Tracxn. "India is currently experiencing a funding slowdown which is expected to continue for the next 12-18 months and the effects of the funding slowdown are expected to intensify going forward," said Neha Singh, Co-Founder, Tracxn.

Executives across the world anticipate a recession in the near future and are making preparations to cut costs. "To add to their woes, the recent energy crisis in the UK and Europe and also the sliding GBP and EUR have increased the likelihood of a global recession," Singh added.

The genomics sector in India saw maximum investor interest in Q3, receiving over $231 million in funding. IANS

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Borewell Road? More like pothole road

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Locals say that the condition of Borewell Road extension towards the Ramagondanahalli bus stop is deplorable. They also reported that despite several complaints, no action has been taken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to improve the condition of the area - something that has stayed the same for years now.

Rakesh Jain, a resident of the area, said, "I do not know how we are supposed to commute through this area. There is no space for anyone to even cross the road. There is barely a road here and it is very frustrating for all of us because we cannot walk. Even kids are suffering."

Residents say that the area was dug up by the BBMP, following which nothing was done to fix it. A huge crater has reportedly formed in the area and gets filled with water every time there is a downpour.

Sudhir Nayak, another resident, said, "We have to take other routes to reach the main road, which increases our travel time by several minutes. This is no way to maintain a road. If they have started something, they should be finishing it properly. The way they have left the work incomplete and made us suffer is not at all acceptable. People from all age groups are being troubled due to this incomplete road."

Ramya Krishnan, also a resident, told Bangalore Mirror that the stretch itself has become very dangerous. With many children nearby, accidents are very likely to occur, said Krishan.

"I do not understand why the authorities are not doing anything about it. During rains, water gets accumulated in the crater, and even the sides of the road become muddy and slippery. During such times, no one will be able to even go near the area because it becomes so bad. If no action is taken soon, then some kind of accident is bound to happen," Krishnan further said.

When BM tried to reach out to the concerned BBMP officials, they were unavailable for comment.

What's left of Banaswadi Lake?

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switchboards at the buildings under construction. "I know the revenue officials demolished the building on this spot in 2015. I am told that my leader has the required documents to claim ownership of this land," said John.

Five shops are under construction on 2nd Cross Road, 1st Block, HRBR Layout. The residents of the area said the land on which the shops are constructed belong to Banaswadi Lake.

"Allowing construction of buildings or shops on lake land is illegal. The revenue officials, who failed to stop the on-going building construction, should not have taken up the demolition drive in May 2015. If the revenue officials continue to be negligent towards on-going construction activities on the lake area, the efforts of the then revenue officials in 2015, especially of tahsildar Harish Nayak, will be pointless," said Babu P, a social activist.

Manjunath P, a resident, said revenue officials have colluded with land grabbers. "We have complained to the authorities, including our elected representative KJ George, against the illegal construction activities on the lake area; but nothing has been done to stop the construction of buildings," said Manjunath.

R Ramesh of Brashtachara Nirmoolana Mathhu Bhoo Rakshana Samiti blamed KR Puram tahsildar and revenue officials for the encroachment of Banaswadi Lake land. Ramesh wrote a letter to the KR Puram tahsildar on October 10 on the illegal construction of buildings on the lake area.

"The encroachment of Banaswadi Lake began during the then tahsildar Tejaskumar and continued after you assumed office. It is your responsibility to protect and preserve government land. Only 10 percent of the lake land was encroached before the demolition drive but now the encroachment of lake area has been extended to 40 percent of the lake area," Ramesh said in the letter to the Tahsildar.

Meanwhile, Anil Kattimani, village accountant, said that he has already filed a complaint with Banaswadi police against D Rangappa for constructing five shops on the lake area. "I visited the spot two days ago. I have directed them to stop the construction work. I have already informed higher authorities about the construction of the illegal structures on the lake area," said Kattimani.

However, D Rangappa claimed he bought two sites from one Beena Jaan. "I bought the sites and got registered in my name five years ago. I am ready to pay property tax, but the authorities are creating problems for me. They claim that my two sites belong to Banaswadi Lake. Why did they spare other buildings adjacent to my sites if the land belonged to Banaswadi Lake?" wondered Rangappa.

Despite BM's efforts, KR Puram tahsildar Ajit Rai was not available for comment.

No escape from foul air

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problem was resolved. However, it is back again now for the last few days. We are breathing in polluted air with no idea how it will impact our health. It is not uncommon to see people walking outside with their noses covered," added Rehman.

Earlier, the residents had complained that the foul smell became unbearable, especially after a spell of rain. However, according to those living in residential societies located close to the dump yard, the stench was never dealt with and disappeared due to a change in the wind direction.

"The stench is so bad that people have stopped their evening walks once again. Many apartment complexes have come up in the area; hundreds of residents are impacted and worried about their health. The foul smell is from the dump yard and not from the lake. The authorities should process the garbage in a scientific way and take up measures quickly," said Ashish Singh, a resident of Kolte Patil Raaga apartment on Kannuru Road. *(name changed)*

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In hindsight, BRTS was a better idea

... say experts who feel it would have been cheaper than constructing Metro and increased bus usage

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Six years ago, with the push for Namma Metro, bus prioritisation system called Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS) was cancelled. Today, transport experts feel that if the project had been implemented, it could have played a vital role in increasing public bus usage and increasing ridership for BMTC services.

In a 2010 Comprehensive Traffic And Transport System report made for Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority, BRTS was proposed in Kanakapura Road, Tumakuru Road, Mysore Road, Bannerghatta Road, Thanisandra Main Road, Airport Link Road, Outer Ring Road, Peripheral Ring Road, Bellary Road, Doddballapur Road, Old Madras Road, Sarjapur Road, and Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR). The project was going to be implemented in a phased manner and completed by 2030. The two phases of the project were estimated to be completed on a budget of Rs 10,922 crore.

The cost of completing Metro's Phase 2 is estimated at Rs 30,000 crore.

Transport experts feel that move to cancel BRTS turned into a huge loss for Bengaluru in terms of efforts to increase usage of public transport. The project is receiving attention again with the only bus priority lanes standing removed.

BRTS would have helped develop Bengaluru's already existing bus lanes

"When the ORR was planned, the BRTS was envisioned along with it but the proposal was scrapped with the commencement of Metro services. As per the plan, the buses would run in the middle with the bus stations on both sides. The flyovers would run above this lane. It was a well-thought-out plan that could have helped in decongesting the city," said Sandeep Anirudhan, convenor, Bengaluru Agenda for Mobility.

Anirudhan added that instead, the city received Metro services that remain mostly overground. "The costs of construction could have been reduced if the Metro was constructed underground. With Metro leaning more towards above-ground construction, the project is also getting delayed as inordinate time is consumed in land acquisitions. This would have also involved the lesser cutting of trees."

Since the BRTS required a 30m right of way, it was recommended only on major roads.

Srinivas Alavilli of Janagraha and a vocalist for public transport said that the most private cars go to Electronics City and ORR. Even now, these areas have good bus connectivity and a BRTS system could have paved way for a larger shift to public transport. Metro is now coming up in the exact places where BRTS was proposed. Metro could have come alongside BRTS and continued to push for a multi-modal transport system, he added.

Alavilli commented that bus lanes are the poor man's BRTS and even the bus lanes could not be retained in the city. Additionally, the endeavour would have helped BMTC to get more revenue as well, he added.

Experts also feel that the implementation of BRTS could have pushed for a more concrete step towards bus prioritisation. "BRTS would have a more financially viable option. The city should have first worked on improving its existing bus transport systems and with increased ridership, moved to BRTS," said urban transport activist, Sathya Sankaran.

Course that teaches you to kick the butt

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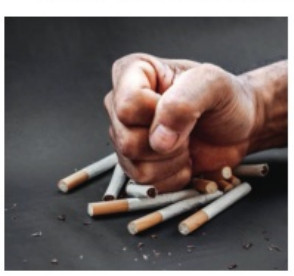
In a bid to motivate and prevent people from the use of tobacco, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) digital academy has come out with a new digital blended programme called "Comprehensive Tobacco Cessation Certificate Course" to help tobacco addicts.

A recent study in India shows that 83 per cent of tobacco users wanted to quit, of whom 51 per cent were unsuccessful. A lack of support from health professionals due to a lesser number of trained professionals is the reason for these unsuccessful attempts.

According to a NIMHANS study in Bihar over two-thirds of medical doctors felt the need for increasing their training on tobacco cessation. Health providers may also lack the motivation to undertake smoking cessation activities.

Hence the certificate course is designed to increase the professional skills in tobacco cessation among counsellors, dentists, physicians and specialists.



The 12-week online ECHO course, starting on 15 November, will focus on the identification and screening for tobacco abuse and tobacco use disorder and the factors influencing it. Further, to assess the severity of tobacco addiction by using an objective scale and practice evidence counselling, communication skills, motivational interview and psychosocial intervention to prevent relapse.

Apart from this the course also will focus on prescribing over-the-counter Nicotine replacement therapy and knowledge about other pharmacotherapy.

While NIMHANS Digital academy wanted an enrollment of only 50 participants for the course, to their surprise over 200 people enrolled for the 3-month course and the professors are working out the plan to host the course.

Dr Prabhat Chand, Incharge of NIMHANS Digital Academy and Centre for Addiction Medicine said, "The participants enrolled, wherein a majority of them are medical doctors will be seeing examples of people with tobacco issues in the course. The mentors, doctors and counsellors who are carrying out the course will present them with the cases. It will be a good experience for everyone and they can help and motivate people to quit the use of tobacco as many of them are very addicted to it."

Some people make a strong decision to quit, but it relapses again. We can help with such cases as well. The counsellor will help them to take a strong decision, Chand added.

"The Professional Development Certificate course has been reviewed and approved by the NIMHANS Board of Studies. We never expected we will get a good response. But we have a got a good number of enrolment and will conduct the course shortly," Dr Chand said.

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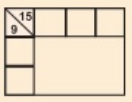
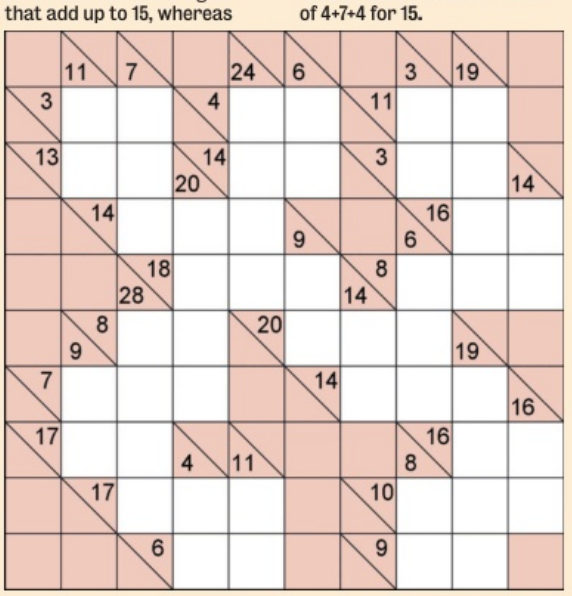
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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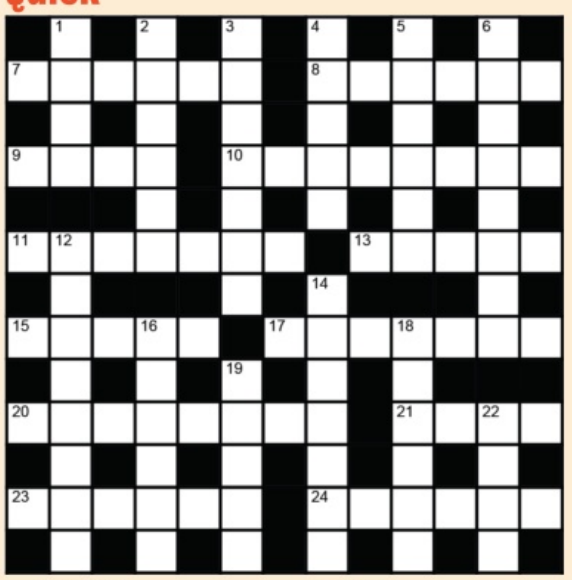

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7 Pastors' assistants (6)
8 Scattered about (6)
9 Beauty powder (4)
10 In single file (3,2,3)
11 Russian empress (7)
13 Rural poem (5)
15 Helicopter propeller (5)
17 Ally or yoke-mate (7)
20 Amusement park on the Bangalore-Mysore highway (8)
21 Scratch with nails (4)
23 Come up with (6)
24 Swindling or making a fool of (6)

DOWN

1 Ms Bhatt of Bollywood (4)
2 Swordsman (6)
3 Surprise very much! (7)
4 Small islands (5)
5 Made noise like a donkey (6)
6 Depreciated, diminished or downgraded (8)
12 Break one's journey (4,4)
14 They lack courage (7)
16 Admit to holy orders (6)
18 Formula (6)
19 Peers, is nosey (5)
22 Skin affliction (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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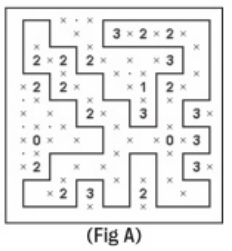
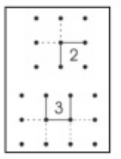
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



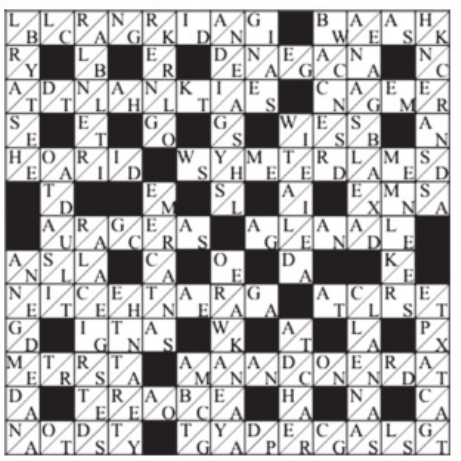
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				R
8				
9				

ACROSS

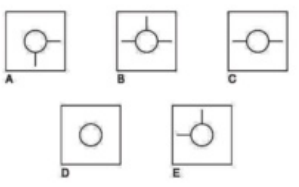
1 Be pro; 6 Irate;
7 Choir; 8 Tents;
9 Mr Hit

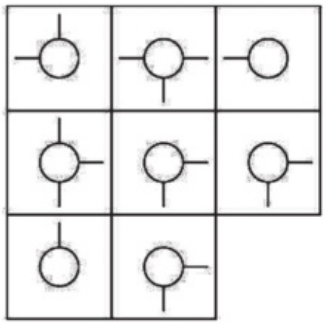
DOWN

1 Prims; 2 Trice;
3 Throe; 4 Tobin;
5 Hater

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?





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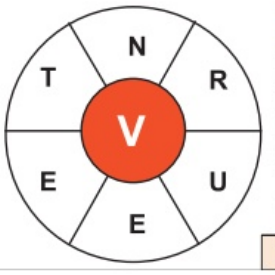


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		3				5		
2				8				3
			1		4			
7	2		3		6		9	5
	9		2		7		4	
3	4		9		8		7	6
			6		5			
4				7				2
		8				6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5

3 7 8 9

Medium = 21

2 4 7 8

Hard = 50

2 5 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

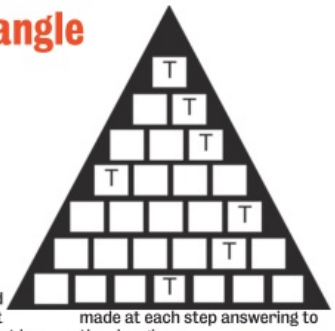
Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Sailboat flag is moved. 3. Puddle is added. 4. Hose is moved. 5. Window is wider. 6. Stripe on shorts is moved.

Riddler

Perhaps, maybe it could be... They say this one makes right. Mayhaps, by chance, hmmm, lets see... You want me in a fight. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Overtime, abbr.
3 Lush
4 Lots and lots
5 Muzzle
6 Ascends
7 Panacea



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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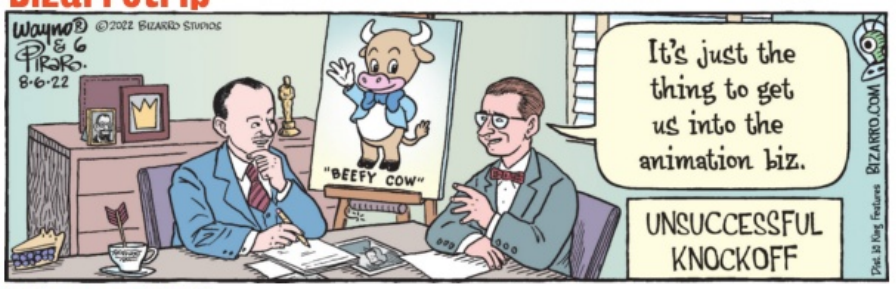

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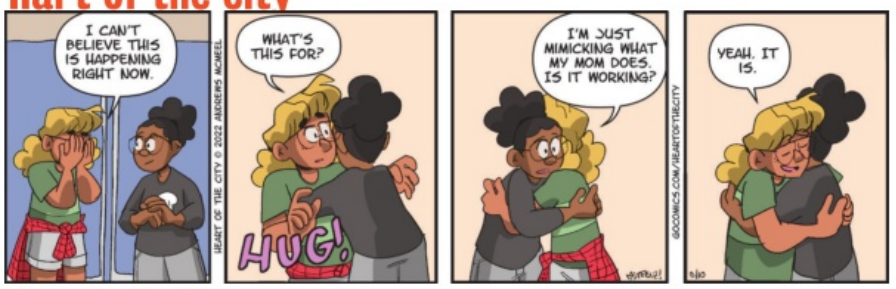
Hart of the city


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S THIS FOR?
HUG!
I'M JUST MIMICKING WHAT MY MOM DOES. IS IT WORKING?
YEAH. IT IS.
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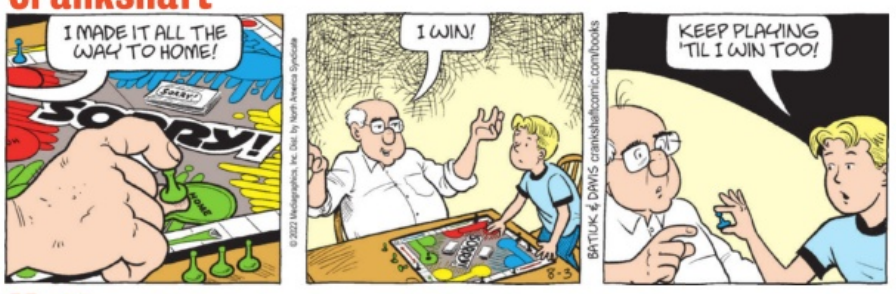
Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull and your health may not be good. You may be nervous .You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone important investments in business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travel. Do some meditation as it may be helpful.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, blessings from your elders' can make you happy. Your investments may give you profits. Losses are converted to profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future too. You may enjoy some delicious food at home. Problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by your elders. Your patience becomes very good and your focus towards work may be better. Parent's health may become good. You are likely to spend time with elders. You may also meet some influential person who will help you on the professional front. You will enjoy your romantic moments, which may increase domestic harmony.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be spiritual and will help needy people around you. You also plan to donate some amount to charity. Your hard work may help you get success in tough projects. You may feel some divine power around you that may help in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying in depth.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull. You may be a victim of hidden fear, which can make you scared. You are not in a situation to trust anyone. It is advised to do meditation. It may help you come out of this hypothetical situation. With the help of elders, around late evening, you may come out of this messy state.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy at work. Your network may be increased, and with the help of it, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business. You are likely to start innovations in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will boost it in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may find yourself in a self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear. You may get success and your creativity might improve. You will take an interest in artefacts, movies, and glamour. At the end of the day, you may feel some satisfaction related to your life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking can tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness, and stress. This may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid daydreaming while studying.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooperate, so you are advised to keep patience. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless assets may be a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be enthusiastic and more focused, which may speed up postponed projects. Your juniors may help you start new projects, which may give you profits in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of a new job.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be busy with family issues. You may take some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid arguments in your personal life. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in business.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your inner strength may help you start some new innovations on the work front. You are likely to get a big order in your parental business, which will improve it in the near future. New responsibilities in your job can make you busy. Jobseekers might get a good job. Understanding with your spouse may be improved, which can maintain domestic harmony.

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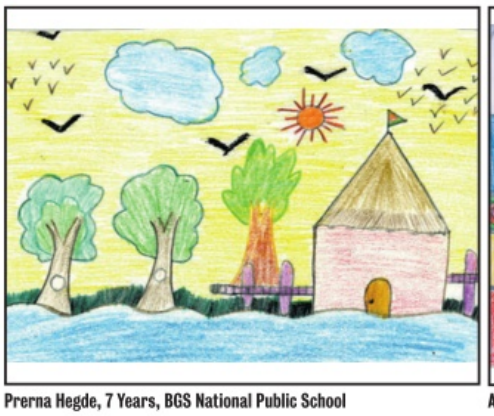

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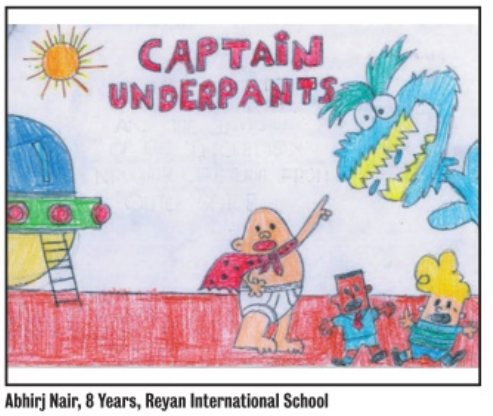

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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=8+2=6
=8=6
=2

RIDDLER
Night

BULL'S EYE
even, event, ever, nerve, never, revue, veer, vent, VENTURE, venue

FAST FIVE

P	R	O	B	E
R	E	T	I	A
I	C	H	O	R
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STRIKE OUT

N	O	S	Y		T	Y	P	E	C	A	S	T		

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
D: looking both across and down, only lines that appear in both the first two squares are carried forward to the third square.

QUOTE UNCODE
Do we not all spend the greater part of our lives under the shadow of an event that has not yet come to pass?

SUDOKU

9	8	3	7	6	2	5	1	4
2	1	4	5	8	9	7	6	3
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5	7	8	4	2	1	6	3	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, OT, SoT, Tons, Snout, Mounts, Nostrum.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 9 – 8 – 3 = 5
Medium
4 + 8 + 7 + 2 = 21
Hard
9 – 4 × 5 × 2 = 50

LOOP

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Awesome trio

Buzz is that Kareena, Tabu and Kriti will be sharing screen space

Kareena Kapoor Khan has a slew of films lined up in her kitty. She recently shot for Sujoy Ghosh's 'The Devotion of Suspect X' and headed straight to London to shoot for Hansal Mehta's next which also marks her debut as a producer.

It was earlier reported that she has another film with Rhea Kapoor. Reportedly, it is yet another female-centric film which will be produced by Ekta Kapoor. Latest buzz suggests the film will also feature Tabu and Kriti Sanon.

A Bollywood Hungama report states that the slice-of-life comedy film that brings Kareena, Tabu and Kriti together will be directed by 'Lootcase' director Rajesh Krishnan. Kareena had also mentioned about a project with Rhea during 'Laal Singh Chaddha' promotions, and had confirmed that it's not a sequel to 'Veere Di Wedding'. "I am doing a film with Rhea Kapoor. It is not 'Veere 2', it is a story about three women. It is going to be slightly different. It's a super cool and fun story. Rhea has got two stellar actors. I can't reveal the cast, but I am very excited," she had said to PTI.

—ETimes

All celebs hail Kantara

Since the original Kannada version of 'Kantara' released in the theatres on September 30, it has been receiving great reviews from the masses.

The movie is receiving rave appreciation from celebrities and actors. The film is all set for its pan-India release on October 14. 'Kantara' is a film intended for pure mass entertainment but made with all the heart, says the film team.

Famous cricketer Anil Kumble says, "Fantastic movie. Very gripping!! Great to see Kantara to a packed house."

Popular Malayalam actor and director Prithviraj Sukumaran said, "Kantara is a glorious cinematic achievement! RishabhShetty is an absolute genius both in front and behind the camera!"

"Hombale films, What a mind blowing portfolio of content you're building. Thank you for leading the way! Brace for a beyond spectacular last 20 minutes," says Sukumaran.

Prashant Neel, the director of KGF series, mentioned that just watched a classic in theatres.

"Kantara movie is Simply superb, Simply phenomenal and Simply Rishab!!!! Congratulations to Ajaneesh (music director) ArvindKashyap, the infallible Hombalefilms and the entire team. Rishab Shetty..... Speechless!," he said.

Kannada superstar Kichcha Sudeep has

written a long note showering appreciation on 'Kantara'. "We do witness films that are good and fantastic. But rarely do we come across one that leaves us speechless. 'Kantaara' is one such film which left a huge impact. A simple plot, exceptionally well written and fantastically conceived..," he says.

Raj and DK said, "'Kantara' is the big screen experience we all crave for! All-round brilliance by Rishab Shetty. Thrilling, mesmerising, funny, indigenous, rooted, rousing... nonstop frenzy! Don't miss this rare treat in theatres! Congratulations Vijay Kiragandur, Hombale films for this achievement!"

Superstar Prabhas wrote, "Thoroughly enjoyed watching Kantara, especially the climax. Congratulations to the entire team and wish you all the success."

—IANS

Ace up her sleeve

How does Kriti Kharbanda manage to get her style game always on point? Check out some images to see what we mean

Watch this story come alive by pointing your phone camera at the QR code

Take the good with the bad

Vijay Deverakonda and Ananya Pandey's last released pan-Indian release, 'Liger', miserably failed at the box office despite all the hype around it.

In a recent award show, the 'Arjun Reddy' star opened up about the failure of Liger and revealed how he handled it. The actor revealed that he did not want to attend the function as he had been in low spirits lately.

According to him, all have good days, all have not-so-good days. But irrespective of how one feels one needs to get up.

Elaborating further, he added that he didn't want to be here, taking this award. The actor also promised that he will get the job done for everyone, and will be entertained.

Meanwhile, Vijay Deverakonda is rocking the headlines for his long-running rumours about a possible romantic relationship with Rashmika Mandanna.

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The big role

Pooja Ramesh is elated over realising her long-cherished dream of becoming a leading lady in Sandalwood. The actress who has appeared in a few Kannada movies and TV serials made her debut in Sandalwood with a small role in Nirudyogi that released in 2010. "I am very happy to have an opportunity to play the heroine in the film 1990. I am playing the role of a researcher appointed by the state government to conduct a research into peculiar incidents taking place at Shivapura village where human sacrifice took place," Pooja Ramesh said.

The muhurat function of 1990

took place at Panchamukhi Ganesha Temple, Mahalakshmi Layout on October 10. Darling Krishna sounded the clapboard and wished everyone good luck. "I am grateful to Darling Krishna for attending the function and supporting newcomers," she said.

Rajesh B from Moodabidri debuts as a director with this movie. V Manohar, Mimicry Gopi, Majabharath Chandraprabha, Gurudev, Madanraj, Meerasri, and Chaitanya Shetty are the cast in this movie.

Victims of greed

Director Ravindra Venshi has embarked on a story to highlight the plight of a village near Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS). "My yet untitled movie is based on a real incident that took place in 2004 at a village near KRS. It is about how the hapless villagers had to go through trauma due to greedy and selfish politicians," said Ravindra Venshi.

Venshi has earlier directed Kannada movies such as Putani

Safari, Varnamaya, Mata, Night Curfew, and Vasanthi Nalidaga. While Putani Safari and Varnamaya movies were released, Mata, Night Curfew and Vasanthi Nalidaga are yet to be released. "We are planning to release Vasanthi Nalidaga shortly. We have shot the movie Mata in 25 districts in the state. We visited many mutts across the state for its shooting," he said.

He said the movie is being made in Kannada and Tamil and Rohit Sridhar is the hero. Selection of other actors is in progress. "I selected Rohit, who played the lead in Vasanthi Nalidaga, as he is apt for this role. This movie will be an experimental one for me and also for Rohit. I also told the producer that this movie will earn him name and fame."